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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group, FBIS

FROM:

Chief, Okinawa Bureau, FBIS

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report - Okinawa Bureau - July 1986

I. GENERAL

A. The downward slide of the dollar continued to a postwar low of 153.80 yen at month's end. Japanese financial experts predict major damage to Japan's export-oriented economy should the dollar fall below 150 yen. U.S. officials, however, have said the yen should get even stronger. No one knows just how far the dollar will fall, but the consensus here is it has not yet reached bottom.

B. A landslide victory for Prime Minister Nakasone in the 6 July Diet elections gave his Liberal Democratic Party a majority of 304 seats, the largest in postwar history. Nakasone called the election "a turning point in the history of modern Japan" and declared that "the political scene will never be the same again." The bureau filed election updates every 30 minutes at peak counting periods, and texted Nakasone's televised victory press conference. Eighteen bureau items on Japan made the FBIS Wire in one 24-hour period. The bureau covered two other Nakasone TV interviews, as well as a roundtable interview with new cabinet officers.

On the local level, Okinawa's Diet representation by party did not change, with two LDP, one Japan Socialist Party, one Komeito and one Communist being elected. The communist, named Senaga, was elected for his seventh consecutive term, but this time by the smallest margin ever. On 13 July, Yomitan Mayor Tokushin Yamauchi was reelected to his fourth consecutive 4-year term. Although the mayor has been less than friendly toward the U.S. military presence on Okinawa, the bureau has enjoyed good relations with him and the Yomitan government in general over the years.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. In July the bureau monitored satellite feeds from both Soviet and Vietnamese television. USSR leader Gorbachev made his first-ever, extended visit to the Soviet Far East, primarily Vladivostok and Khabarovsk, from 25 through 31 July. The voluminous Vladivostok feeds

to Moscow on the 80 East satellite included extensive video footage of port, city and industrial facilities. The bureau also monitored its first taped TV appearances of local Soviet leaders. The feed on 31 July from Khabarovsk, which was broadcast 11 hours later in Moscow, contained at least 20 unedited minutes of Gorbachev speaking to local officials and party members, which was not broadcast in Moscow, as well as a Khabarovsk local news broadcast, which was possibly transmitted by mistake.

Okinawa shared with Bangkok the satellite feed coverage of the state funeral of Le Duan, carried on the 80 East Soviet satellite. The bureau filed VSLs and editorial reports of the funeral which was mainly covered from radio by Bangkok. Okinawa's courier shipment of Hanoi TV tapes proved useful in an Analysis Group report of the funeral. Okinawa Bureau had monitored from KYODO the first report that Le Duan had died, nearly 2 hours before Hanoi broadcast it.

2. An unusual Moscow TV "Studio 9" broadcast on 15 July--nearly two weeks ahead of schedule, 50 percent longer than usual, and featuring the first-ever appearance of Western political leaders on this program since it debuted in 1978--required overnight extra staffing by the Russian team. An AG special analysis described this program as evidence of a dramatic relaxation in Soviet restraints on airing Western views and said it broke new ground by inviting Britain's David Owen and West Germany's Egon Bahr to participate.

3. Seoul Bureau tested and interviewed 10 of the 100 Korean applicants for Okinawa's Japanese-Korean monitor position, narrowing the list to five prospects whose tests and files were forwarded to Okinawa for review.

4. Okinawa assumed coverage of Seoul's KCNA casts for the nights of 15 and 26 July, so that Seoul employees could reach home before a curfew imposed for a military exercise.

5. Okinawa's June initiative to exchange current cabinet and diplomatic lists with other Asian bureaus was extended by acting chief, DRD, and to all other FBIS field bureaus. Lists are maintained on IBM PCs with the Lotus software.

6. Chinese shift supervisor [] was granted a quality step increase for sustained superior performance.

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B. Cruising

1. We began using the Adaptable Facsimile Printer for regular coverage--starting with Pyongyang KCNA radiophotos--in mid-July. Hanoi's VNA photos are also printed when signals are good. Extensive checks on the Hanoi NHAN DAN newspaper transmission and fine-tuning of the fax unit enabled the bureau to produce some legible print-outs of some NHAN DAN pages. No more than three pages of the newspaper for any one day have been found. Hanoi is using ancient fax gear to send the paper--requiring 45 minutes per page, with long pauses between pages transmissions. Coverage is thus time-consuming.

2. Coverage of television satellite feeds from Hanoi, Vladivostok, and Khabarovsk enabled bureau cruisers to become more familiar with the feed patterns and schedules of the Soviet 80 and 90 East, while continuing the search for Chinese facsimile newspapers. The Chinese educational television service launched on 1 July on the 66 East Intelsat was checked, but no coverage is planned. China's primary Beijing domestic television service changed transponders on the 66E Intelsat on 15 July.

C. Lateral Services

The bureau forwarded to MOD Japanese television newscasts with both English and Japanese sound tracks for consumer evaluation. At LRB's request, Okinawa was able to provide an audio tape of Philippines President Aquino. An Okinawa Moscow TV VSL drew an LRB consumer request for texting of an item detailing Soviet use of the "Astron" astronomical observatory in near-earth orbit. The First U.S. Special Forces, First Battalion, stationed at nearby Torii Station, requested basic FBIS Asian alert services and Asian Trends.

D. Technical

1. Evaluation of the new BACH communications header software package, its related Sidekick/Notepad wordprocessing software, and the STedit wordprocessing software was completed and pouched to C/ESG. Regional Engineer [] concluded that the STedit wordprocessor was preferred over Notepad, and offered suggestions for improvement of the BACH program.

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2. Guy wires were installed on the bureau's PESOS 3-meter dish to prevent wind damage during the typhoon season that began 1 July. A minor signal loss of .5 DB was noted with the guys in place; the dish remains fixed on the Soviet 140 East. An air force check of the bureau's older, low-powered generator established that it requires minor overhaul but is still usable for short periods to run all equipment, except air conditioning, if the large generator fails.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Regional medical officer Dr. John Slocum and his assistant, Ben Nanta, TDYed from Tokyo 27 July-2 August, to conduct medical examinations of 54 TCN employees and dependents to qualify them for the overseas medical benefits plan. Laboratory work was handled by the Camp Lester Navy Hospital.

2. Senior editor [] was promoted to GS-12 on 6 July.

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B. Building and Grounds

1. The request for bids for construction of a 3-bedroom duplex replacing the old Quonset quarters was advertised on 28 July by the Army Corps of Engineers. Bids are expected to be opened by the end of August, and the contractor will be selected by 28 September.

2. "Roger," the first typhoon this season to come near Okinawa, brought only moderate winds and little rain on 16-17 July. Bureau buildings and operations were unaffected. Newspapers are starting to speculate about possible water rationing for the first time in 4 years, unless typhoon rains soon replenish major reservoirs.

IV. VISITORS

To the Bureau

Analysis Group Korean analyst [] 3-5 July en route back to Headquarters, for bureau orientation; Col. James Griffin, commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Okinawa, 9 July for briefing, tour and lunch; DRD editor [] arrived 14 July for TDY training Col. George D. Navadel, new chief of staff, U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, on 15 July for briefing, tour and a run to Bolo Point and back with bureau chief and administrative officer; Sergeant Kaeder of First Special Forces Battalion, Torii Staion, 16 July, to arrange lateral services; Lt. Col. Joseph Tucker, PAO at USFJ Headquarters, Yokota AB, and Mr. Paul Berger of PAO, 313th Air Division Headquarters, Kadena AB, 21 July for briefing and tour; Col. Timothy Gill, new Kadena Air Base commander, on 30 July for briefing and lunch.

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From the Bureau

Bureau chief and regional engineer, on 11 July, to Lt. Col. A.M. Maughan, commander, U.S. Army Information Systems Battalion, Ft. Buckner, to discuss the planned microwave relay tower project near the FBIS operations building; the [] family left on R&R to the United States, [] and daughter on 12 July and [] on 31 July; the [] family, which had departed 14 June for R&R also in the States, returned to Okinawa 13 July.

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Attachments:

Engineering Equipment
Production Report

Attachment A

Engineering Equipment

Equipment Received:

Adaptable Facsimile Printer, Model AFP/NT-600

Microfiche reader-printer, Model 475CZ, SN 521507

Extel reperforator, Model B-405, SN 176162

Equipment transferred:

IBM ST personal computers: 1 each to Bangkok and Hong Kong bureaus,
after installing hard disk software, check-out

OKINAWA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JULY 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 1,137,350
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 529,870
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 3,652

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	18,555 min.	20,070 min.	175.79 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

CAMBODIA

Phnom Penh SPK in
English

1,010

CHINA

Beijing International Service to East and South Africa in English	---
Beijing International Service to North America in English	---
Beijing International Service in Japanese	1,350
Beijing International Service in Mandarin	---
Beijing to Taiwan in Mandarin	640
Beijing to the USSR in Russian	3,300
Beijing to Vietnam in Vietnamese	1,350
Beijing Domestic Service in Mandarin	9,000
Fuzhou Fujian Provincial Service in Mandarin	1,910
Hangzhou Zhejiang Provincial Service in Mandarin	950
Hefei Anhui Provincial Service in Mandarin	4,030
Nanchang Jiangxi Provincial Service in Mandarin	5,870
Nanjing Jiangsu Provincial Service in Mandarin	1,660
Shanghai City Service in Mandarin	4,520

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Beijing XINHUA in			
English			
Beijing XINHUA Domestic Service in		507,620	
Chinese			
Beijing BEIJING REVIEW in		96,140	
English			
Fuzhou FUJIAN RIBAO in			13,820
Chinese			
Hefei ANHUI RIBAO in			30,620
Chinese			
Hangzhou ZHEJIANG RIBAO in			3,280
Chinese			
Nanjing XINHUA RIBAO in			1,830
Chinese			
Shanghai JEIFANG RIBAO in			2,310
Chinese			
Shanghai WEN HUI BAO in			500
Chinese			
			10,770

CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) Ba Yi Radio to China in
Mandarin

4,390

JAPAN

Naha Radio NHK in			
Japanese			
Tokyo NHK Television Network in	---		
Japanese			
Tokyo JES in	11,380		
English		5,390	
Tokyo KYODO in			
English		157,030	
Tokyo JIJI in			
English		8,960	
Tokyo AKAHATA in			
Japanese			460
Tokyo ASAHI SHIMBUN in			
Japanese			2,820
Tokyo ASAHI EVENING NEWS in			
English			15,340
Tokyo JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL in			
English			770
Tokyo MAINICHI DAILY NEWS in			
English			8,570

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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Tokyo MAINICHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			1,710
Tokyo NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN in Japanese			7,850
Tokyo SANKEI SHIMBUN in Japanese			1,240
Tokyo THE DAILY YOMIURI in English			12,730
Tokyo THE JAPAN TIMES in English			14,170
Tokyo TOKYO SHIMBUN in Japanese			---
Tokyo YOMIURI SHIMBUN in Japanese			2,630
Naha OKINAWA TIMES in Japanese			---
Naha RYUKYU SHIMPO in Japanese			280
KOREA (NORTH)			
Pyeongyang KCNA in English		2,610	
MONGOLIA			
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in English		6,050	
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in Russian		8,460	
TAIWAN			
Taipei International Service in English	1,140		
Taipei Domestic Service in Mandarin	1,990		
Taipei CNA in English		25,920	
Taipei CHINA POST in English			1,780
Taipei CHING CHI JIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO in Chinese			430
Taipei CHUNG YANG JIH PAO in Chinese			730
Taipei LIEN HO PAO in Chinese			500
Taipei TZU LI WAN PAO in Chinese			---

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow to Japan in Japanese	6,350		
Moscow to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	---		
Moscow to China in Mandarin	6,890		
Moscow to Vietnam in Vietnamese	2,820		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress to China in Mandarin	2,600		
Moscow Domestic Television Service in Russian	23,420		
Khabarovsk Domestic Service in Russian	140		
Vladivostok Domestic Service in Russian	2,620		
VIETNAM			
Hanoi International Service in Mandarin	---		
Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese	27,430		
Hanoi VNA in English		58,890	
Hanoi VNA in French		---	
Hanoi VNA in Vietnamese		---	
Hanoi VNA to VNA Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnamese		---	
Ho Chi Minh City VNA to VNA Hanoi in Vietnamese		---	